

DECEMBER 3, 1807.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

A Bill,

To place in the hands of the president a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned.

1 Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the*
3 president of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized and
4 empowered, to obtain, by purchase, the exclusive right, on behalf
5 of the United States, of the invention submitted by James Jay, to
6 the executive department of government, if, in the opinion of the
7 president, it will be of public utility and importance to possess
8 the same; and that he allow such price for the said invention as he,
9 after due inquiry and proof of its merits, may think it worth:
10 *Provided*, that the said James Jay, shall give the president satisfac-
11 tory evidence of his being the sole possessor of the said invention:
12 and shall enter into bond, with sufficient securities, conditioned to
13 refund the purchase money and the interest thereon, in case he

1 Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That a sum not exceeding
2 dollars be, and the same is hereby appropri-
3 ated for the purpose aforesaid, to be paid out of any money in the
4 treasury not otherwise appropriated.